



4TH ANNUAL SPRING L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

APRIL 23-24, 2016

BLACK BAYOU LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

TRIP DETAILS

We met at 10 a.m. at the hatchery in Monroe where the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) raise Alligator Snapping Turtles for their head start program. We met Jared Streeter, who works for LDWF, and he explained the program to us and showed us some of the smaller individuals as well as some that were big enough to be released soon. From there we went to Black Bayou Lake NWR to an area where some traps had been set previously. The weather was perfect, but we did not have a ton of luck on the traps. We did, however, see several Western Ribbonsnakes, Broad-banded Watersnakes, Cottonmouths and a couple Rough Greensnakes there. We then headed to an upland area of the refuge where the highlights were a beautiful Buttermilk Racer, a few nice Three-toed Box Turtles, and two large Western Ratsnakes. We took a break for dinner and met back up at the refuge at night, where we found our target Bird-voiced Treefrogs as well as two more Rough Greensnakes. The next morning we met up at an area we were hoping to find some nesting Alligator Snapping Turtles, but we did not have any luck with that, but we managed to pick up a few more finds. We detected 24 confirmed species and though the trip was not well attended, everyone that was there had a blast!



(LEFT TO RIGHT): BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO, ASHLEY TRIPLETT, GABRIELLE GONZALEZ, JOHN CARR, SEAN KRIEG, NATHAN SCHWARTZ

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

BLANCHARD'S CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS BLANCHARDI</i>	62 (CALLING)
FOWLER'S TOAD	<i>ANAXYRUS FOWLERI</i>	1
EASTERN NARROW-MOUTHED TOAD	<i>GASTROPHRYNE CAROLINENSIS</i>	3
BIRD-VOICED TREEFROG	<i>HYLA AVIVOCA</i>	2 (CALLING)
COPE'S GRAY TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CHRYSOSCELIS</i>	(CALLING ONLY)
GREEN TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CINEREA</i>	3 (CALLING)
AMERICAN BULLFROG	<i>LITHOBATES CATESBEIANUS</i>	6 (CALLING)
GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	19 (CALLING)
SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG	<i>LITHOBATES SPHENOCEPHALUS</i>	9
AMERICAN ALLIGATOR	<i>ALLIGATOR MISSISSIPPIENSIS</i>	11
GREEN ANOLE	<i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i>	9
TOOTHY SKINKS	<i>PLESTIODON SP.</i>	3
BROAD-HEADED SKINK	<i>PLESTIODON LATICEPS</i>	2
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	28
COTTONMOUTH	<i>AGKISTRODON PISCIVORUS</i>	9
RACER	<i>COLUBER CONSTRICTOR</i>	1
BROAD-BANDED WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA FASCIATA</i>	13
DIAMOND-BACKED WATERSNAKE	<i>NERODIA RHOMBIFER</i>	1
ROUGH GREENSNAKE	<i>OPHEODRYS AESTIVUS</i>	4
WESTERN RATSNAKE	<i>PANTHEROPHIS OBSOLETUS</i>	2
WESTERN RIBBONSNAKE	<i>THAMNOPHIS PROXIMUS</i>	9
EASTERN GARTERSNAKE	<i>THAMNOPHIS SIRTALIS</i>	1
SPINY SOFTSHELL	<i>APALONE SPINIFERA</i>	1
EASTERN BOX TURTLE	<i>TERRAPENE CAROLINA</i>	3
POND SLIDER	<i>TRACHEMYS SCRIPTA</i>	4